

# **IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 18th November 2012**

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## **Great Sadness**

It is with great sadness to hear of the passing of Maura McClarey loving wife of EI6S George McClarey of Rosemount Co Cavan.

Maura sadly passed away in Cavan hospital on the 9/11/2012. May she rest in peace

George EI6S would be well known in the low band DX community worldwide and is a great pioneer and ambassador for amateur radio in Ireland.

We would like to express our deepest sympathy to George and his family friends and relation in this challenging time.

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## **Mayo Rally**

The Mayo Radio Experimenters Network rally takes place today at the Welcome Inn in Castlebar. Doors open at 11 a.m. and the usual traders will be in attendance.

All details are available on [www.ei7mre.org](http://www.ei7mre.org) the Mayo Radio Experimenters Network web site.

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## **Tipperary Amateur Radio Group AGM**

On Wednesday the 7th of November 2012 last, members of the Tipperary Amateur Radio Group met at Raheen House Hotel at 8.30pm for their 18th Annual General Meeting. This was a well attended meeting with group members travelling from Co Kilkenny, Co Waterford, Co Limerick and Co Cork joining their Co Tipperary based colleagues. Paul EI3ENB chaired this very productive meeting with John EI7IG reading the minutes from last years AGM. The group treasurer Thomas EI2IT reported a healthy financial situation for this amateur radio group which was formed in October 1994. A review of the year and the group activities were then discussed at length. Particular praise was given to Eddie EI3FFB for reading the weekly IRTS news every Sunday evening at 8.30pm on 145.450mhz FM. Eddie provides a valuable service for the group and his efforts were very much appreciated. The new committee was elected for the coming year and the meeting concluded at 11.30pm when Paul

EI3ENB thanked all for their input and efforts in attending this most important event of the calendar year for TARG. The new committee was elected as follows:-

Chairman- Paul Norris EI3ENB Vice Chairman - Eddie Kavangh EI3FFB Secretary - John Ronan EI7IG Treasurer - Thomas Hallinan EI2IT ThomPRO - Hugh O'Donnell EI2HI

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### **5 MHz 'Sunset' Net Changes Frequency**

The popular Sunday evening 'Sunset' Net on 5 MHz is changing frequency. The net, which as its name implies, meets around UK sunset time on Sunday evenings to compare propagation with that during the 5 MHz GB2RS News earlier the same day has for some time met on the UK's 5371.5 kHz channel.

Following a number of reception reports from Amateurs in the Republic of Ireland, the net participants have decided to move the Sunset Net's frequency to 5398.5 kHz (with a backup of 5278.5 kHz), beginning Sunday 18th November as both these latter two channels are available to EI Amateurs, whereas 5371.5 kHz is not.

We hope that more EI Amateurs with 5 MHz experimental licences will join us here in the future and indeed welcome all wishing to participate.

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### **Galway Radio Experimenters**

Galway Radio Experimenters club held their AGM in the Anno Santo hotel, Salthill on Sunday 11th November. The following were elected: Chairman; Larry EI9CN Secretary; Damian EI2HG Treasurer; Tom EI3ER

Committee members: Aengus EI4ABB Tycho EI9EXB

Tom EI3ER gave a very interesting lecture on the Clifden Marconi site. The next club meeting for GREC is Monday 3rd December.

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### **DX News**

Lord Howe Island will be activated by two Finnish operators from 17 – 27 November. They will use the callsigns VK9/OH1VR and VK9/OH3JR on 160 – 6m with CW, SSB and RTTY. Lord Howe Island counts as a separate DXCC entity and has the IOTA reference OC-004. QSLs go via the operators' home calls.

OZ6TL will operate as E51TLA from Raratonga in the South Cook Islands until 8 December. QSL manager is OZ6TL and logs will be uploaded to Logbook of the World.

For those who have not yet worked Gerry 7P8CC in Lesotho and still need this DXCC entity for a new one look out for 7P8D between 23 November and 3 December. This is the callsign of a multi-national DXpedition and they will have three stations running 24/7. More details are available on [www.zs2dl.co.za/7P8D.html](http://www.zs2dl.co.za/7P8D.html)

Oliver W6NV will be on Ascension Island from 19 – 30 November. He will use the callsign ZD8W and also be active in the CQ WW DX CW Contest on the weekend of 24/25 November. QSL to his home call.

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Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news maybe telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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